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Lindsay Voices 'No Confidence'

in Donovan

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Rep. John V. Lindsay (R., Man.) said today he had "no confidence" in James B. Donovan, president of the Board of Education, and he accused the board of letting the integration controversy reach "the crisis stage."

"I have no confidence in him," the GOP Congressman said of Donovan in an interview. "I feel his greatest error was using bad judgment in his public statements."

Donovan touched off a furor recently when he called the board a "Board of Education," not a Board of Integration or a Board of Transportation.

Antagonized Leaders

And he antagonized many civil rights leaders when he called the first school boycott a "fizzle." More than 160,000 students were absent from school.

Lindsay said the school board's integration plan was "the case of too little too late." He said "it is clear that the city acted only under pressure."

"This is not a good way to handle a problem that should have been obvious for a long period of time. The board moves slowly because it is plagued by massive bureaucracy."

Some in His District

A revised list of schools to be paired for integration was expected to be announced by the Board of Education tonight.

Under the board's proposed Princeton Plan, several schools within Lindsay's 17th Congressional District may be paired with others outside of it.

Although no pairings have been announced officially, parents groups in the Yorkville and Stuyvesant Town sections of Lindsay's district already have bitterly objected to pairing or busing plans.

"Of course, nobody has suggested that white kids be sent into all-Negro neighborhoods," the GOP leader explained.

"That's the trouble. There is a great deal of misunderstanding because the board acted so late in the game."

Backs Princeton Plan

Lindsay said the Princeton Plan was a "sound approach" in contiguous areas. Under this plan, the board would join mostly-Negro and mostly-white schools, in adjoining neighborhoods, the first three grades in one school, the next three in another.

The Congressman said he was opposed to boycotts and demonstrations—by both white and Negro groups.

Lindsay said "each school district must be examined on its own. The formula for one area might not be right for another."

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